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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 2, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect the alleged species of Figures 10 and 11 which encompass claims 1, 2, 8-10, 16, and 17. Those seven claims should be immediately examined.

The Examiner acknowledged that claim 1 is a generic claim. In addition, it also appears that dependent claim 2 is a generic claim.

Upon the allowance of claim 1, Applicants intend to rejoin to the prosecution, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.141, those claims which depend from claim 1 and those claims which incorporate all of the limitations of claim 1.

Prompt and favorable examination is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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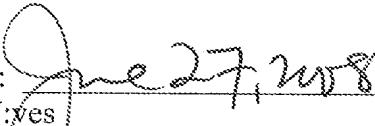
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